

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously amended) A supporting device for semi-trailers comprising:
an outer sleeve;
a spindle for a telescopic inner sleeve; and
a foot-receiving device for attaching a support foot, the foot receiving device connected to a bottom end of the inner sleeve, the foot-receiving device comprising:
a component that occludes the inner sleeve;
an opening for the spindle penetration;
at least one bracing element at a top or bottom end; and
two opposing bearing points adapted to accommodate the support foot.
2. (previously amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element is arranged within the inner sleeve.
3. (previously amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element extends at least between the bearing points.
4. (previously amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the component is a plate and the bracing element is a bracing rib.
5. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element is a bracing rib which has a curved shape and is located around the opening.
6. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the component is a plate ~~has~~ having an edge section located outside of the bracing element which is a bracing rib for attachment of the inner sleeve.
7. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bearing points are arranged on a plane of the component which is a plate ~~plane~~.

8. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element is a circumferential bracing rib, which engages the inner sleeve in a forced fit, is arranged on the top of the component which is a plate and forms a bottom part that constitutes a cover at the bottom of the circumferential bracing rib.

9. (previously amended) A supporting device according to Claim 8, wherein the foot receiving device consists of two laterally reversed halves.

10. (previously amended) A supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the component comprises a vertically arranged tube whose outside diameter is less than or equal to the inside diameter of the inner sleeve in at least one section.

11. (previously amended) A supporting device according to Claim 10, wherein the tube is a rectangular tube.

12. (previously amended) A supporting device according to Claim 10, wherein the bearing points are attached to the outer surface of the tube.

13. (previously amended) A supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the opening is closed off by a cover.

14. (new) The supporting device according to Claim 2, wherein the bracing element extends at least between the bearing points.

15. (new) The supporting device according to Claim 14, wherein the component is a plate and the bracing element is a bracing rib.

16. (new) The supporting device according to Claim 15, wherein the bracing rib has a curved shape and is located around the opening.

17. (new) The supporting device according to Claim 16, wherein the plate has an edge section located outside of the bracing rib for attachment of the inner sleeve.

18. (new) The supporting device according to Claim 17, wherein the bearing points are arranged on the plate plane.

19. (new) The supporting device according to Claim 18, wherein a circumferential bracing rib, which engages the inner sleeve in a forced fit, is arranged on the top of the plate and forms a bottom part that constitutes a cover at the bottom of the circumferential bracing rib.

20. (new) A supporting device according to Claim 19, wherein the foot receiving device consists of two laterally reversed halves.